

Law Enforcement - Six Rivers (FINAL)

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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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Owing to the widely dispersed, and often family based, nature of OHV activity on the forest, the program emphasis has had a public service orientation and emphasized an educational approach in hopes of promoting safe, responsible OHV use. During times when the nature of OHV activity becomes more intense, such as during deer hunting season, the posture becomes more aggressive. Similarly, specific locations in the forest, such as riparian zones, open grassland glades, and a number of formally designated Wilderness and Botanical Areas, are more to adverse impacts resultant of illegal OHV use. These areas are targeted for aggressive patrol and enforcement efforts. Specific areas, especially on routes or in areas benefiting from receipt of State OHV cooperative agreement funding also receive enforcement emphasis.

As a result of this type of law coverage, forms of outdoor pursuits can be enjoyed and sustained with a high degree of compatibility and acceptance. With adequate funding assistance, the forest intends to continue to provide OHV management that is environmentally sound due in part to visitor compliance gained through enforcement, information and education.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

Most developed OHV usage on the forest occurs on the Mad River Ranger District. This is the area that would be patrolled using these law enforcement grant application funds. Law Enforcement activities include patrolling the area where designated OHV routes are emphasized, primarily in the Pilot Creek area. There is also concern for potential OHV incursion into the newly designated Mt. Lassic Wilderness area (formally the Lassics Botanical and Geologic Area), which poses additional need for continuing OHV enforcement efforts.

The Mad River Ranger District transportation system contains 91 miles of non-paved road available for street legal OHVs and another 645 miles of maintenance level 2 roads available for both high-clearance street legal vehicles and registered OHV's. Additionally the District provides 35 miles of shared use trails, 23 miles of which is located within the Pilot Creek OHV emphasis area. Also a 150 mile long segment of the California Back Country Discovery Trail traverses the District, which eventually connects toward the south to the 86 mile section of the trail on the Mendocino NF. This route includes both paved and unpaved roads.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

An Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) and Forest Protection Officer (FPO) will provide regular reoccurring patrols of the OHV emphasis areas during the OHV season and hunting season, which would primarily consist of all weekends and holidays for the enforcement of OHV laws, resource protection and public safety.

FPOs generally work during the daylight hours. They will provide the needed enforcement presence during these times, specifically in those areas accessible by vehicle. The FPO patrols will be augmented by the LEO who has staggered days off during the week, but is available 24/7 for incident response.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

Law Enforcement staffing on the Six Rivers NF has increased from two in 2007 to four currently. This staffing level allows for shift flexibility and increased coverage throughout the OHV season. At any time, any of the four LEOs can be pulled from their respective areas and assigned to the "hot spots."

The Six Rivers is staffed with four full range Law Enforcement Officers and one Forest Protection Officer. There is one LEO stationed on the Mad River District where most of the activity is on this forest. However with increased staffing, the Willow Creek District LEO is available to assist and provide additional patrol as needed to the Mad River District.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

On the Six Rivers NF the primary focus is on the Mad River District and in particular the Pilot Creek and areas adjacent to the newly designated Mr. Lassic Wilderness area. The influx of off highway vehicle enthusiasts into the areas over time places a burden on the natural resources in these areas. Each of these areas have cultural resources as well as sensitive habitats which must be protected by the enforcement of OHV regulations for public safety are paramount.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

The proposed project is specifically directed towards the enforcement aspect of OHV recreation management. Engineering, education and enforcement are ongoing processes conducted by Forest OHV management personnel to ensure sustained OHV recreation on the Forests. Forest enforcement personnel educate the public and when necessary, enforce OHV and resource related regulations to provide two legs of the management triangle. The project will provide additional funding to maintain and improve the presence of enforcement personnel for education and enforcement.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The Six Rivers shares its borders with Trinity County Sheriff's Office, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Del Norte County Sheriff's Office, California Department of Fish and Game and the California Highway Patrol. The Forest Service currently has law enforcement patrol agreements with all five counties to document formal cooperation and reimbursement for law enforcement activities, including OHV enforcement, on national forest system lands. Informal cooperation occurs on a daily basis between officers in the field.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

Explain

No OHV events are held on the Six Rivers NF that require a permit.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

Mandatory OHV safety training is required before agency personnel can operate OHVs in the performance of their duty. This training ensures that enforcement personnel can educate the public on OHV safety and address unsafe OHV operation.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)

8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:

9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:

The Mendocino and Six Rivers NF Patrol District does not operate or manage OHV recreation facilities.

11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Mendocino/Six Rivers NF - Patrol District		
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement - Six Rivers (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-02-29-L02
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>OHV recreation on the Six Rivers NF is primarily a dispersed activity, occurring in association with family oriented recreational pursuits such as hunting, camping and touring. Other OHV related activity occurs on a regular and basis forest-wide. This activity often has, as its primary focus, operation of off-highway vehicles for touring and other sport/recreational use. The forest also frequently provides a venue for organized OHV club events. The Forest-wide emphasis of the OHV Law Enforcement program is the promotion of safe, responsible OHV use, in conformance with applicable laws and regulations, and consistent with management objectives for protection of forest resources and property.</p> <p>In general, forest-wide, the emphasis of the OHV law enforcement program is the promotion of safe, responsible OHV use, in conformance with applicable laws and regulations, and consistent with management objectives for protection of forest resources and property.</p> <p>Owing to the widely dispersed, and often family based, nature of OHV activity on the forest, the program emphasis has had a public service orientation and emphasized an educational approach in hopes of promoting safe, responsible OHV use. During times when the nature of OHV activity becomes more intense, such as during deer hunting season, the posture becomes more aggressive. Similarly, specific locations in the forest, such as riparian zones, open grassland glades, and a number of formally designated Wilderness and Botanical Areas, are more to adverse impacts resultant of illegal OHV use. These areas are targeted for aggressive patrol and enforcement efforts. Specific areas, especially on routes or in areas benefiting from receipt of State OHV cooperative agreement funding also receive enforcement emphasis.</p> <p>As a result of this type of law coverage, forms of outdoor pursuits can be enjoyed and sustained with a high degree of compatibility and acceptance. With adequate funding assistance, the forest intends to continue to provide OHV management that is environmentally sound due in part to visitor compliance gained through enforcement, information and education.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Law Enforcement Officers Notes : LEO base salary of 14 days for regular re-occurring OHV law enforcement patrols.	14.000	363.000	DAY	0.00	5,082.00	5,082.00

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-Mad River OHV Tech/FPO GS-7	35.000	253.000	DAY	8,855.00	0.00	8,855.00
	Total for Staff				8,855.00	5,082.00	13,937.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Fuel & maintenance of one ATV	1.000	200.000	EA	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Fuel & maintenance of two off-road motorcycles	2.000	200.000	EA	400.00	0.00	400.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				600.00	0.00	600.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
	Training Notes : For LEO to attend P.O.S.T. certified training to enable use of the Radar unit purchased with the previous year's OHV Trust Fund grant award.	1.000	545.000	EA	545.00	0.00	545.00
7	Indirect Costs						
Total Program Expenses					10,000.00	5,082.00	15,082.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					10,000.00	5,082.00	15,082.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					10,000.00	5,082.00	15,082.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	8,855.00	5,082.00	13,937.00	The FPO is partially funded from other sources and consequently shows a need for different numbers of days.
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	600.00	0.00	600.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	545.00	0.00	545.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Program Expenses		10,000.00	5,082.00	15,082.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		10,000.00	5,082.00	15,082.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		10,000.00	5,082.00	15,082.00	

Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment